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The Washington Botanical Club.

The Washington Botanical Club was organized by a gathering of botanists held at the residence of one of its members, November 11, 1898. The limit of membership was fixed at twenty, and it was determined that the meetings should be for the present, at least, of a distinctly social and informal nature, with free scope for discussion and the general interchange of ideas. At a subsequent meeting held December 14th, the organization was perfected by the election of Professor Edward L. Greene as President and Mr. Charles Louis Pollard as Secretary. The Club is to hold monthly sessions, devoting itself chiefly to systematic and ecological work, the field of physiology and vegetable pathology being covered by the already existing Botanical Seminar. At the December meeting the following resolutions, commemorative of the late Gilbert H. Hicks were unanimously adopted and ordered printed in the leading botanical journals of the country.

“It is with extreme sorrow and heartfelt regret that we learn of the death of our friend and colleague, Mr. Gilbert H. Hicks. To all of us he was known intimately as an earnest co-worker in the field of science and a genial member of our social organizations. His energy, earnestness and conscientiousness in scientific work commanded our approval, and secured recognition for him in all scientific circles as an able investigator. He had already done much to advance knowledge in his chosen line of work, and we feel that the cause of science has lost greatly by his untimely death.

“Much of his work, though of a high scientific character, had been so directed as to yield results of the greatest practical value in the production of food crops, and was intended to lighten, in some degree, the burden of struggling humanity. As a botanist, his keen appreciation of practical problems and his extensive knowledge of plant life well fitted him for this work for the people, and not only science has lost by his death, but all tillers of the soil, those who plow, sow and reap, have lost a true friend and counsellor.

“ Yet to us, his daily associates, the loss is greatest. We shall miss his cheery greetings, his companionship, his counsel. It is thus with feeling of deepest sorrow and regret that we have learned that he has been taken from us, while yet in the prime and vigor of early manhood. To his sorrowing family we desire to express our heartfelt sympathy and condolence. We realize how inexpressibly great the loss has been to them, and we mourn with them.

“ *Resolved*, That a copy of the above resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased and to the principal botanical magazines in this country.”

CHARLES LOUIS POLLARD,
Secretary Washington Botanical Club.